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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Month of August 2021

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Autolus Therapeutics plc
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2021, included as Exhibit 99.1 of this Report on Form 6-K (the "Report") and the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2021, included as Exhibit 99.2 of this Report shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the registration statements on Form S-8 (File No. 333-226457) and Form F-3 (File No. 333-232690) of Autolus Therapeutics plc (the "Company") and to be a part thereof from the date on which this Report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently furnished.

CAUTIONARY NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "may," "will," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend" and similar expressions (as well as other words or expressions referencing future events, conditions or circumstances) are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on the Company's expectations and assumptions as of the date of this Report. Each of these forward-looking statements involves risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. For a discussion of risk factors that may cause the Company's actual results to differ from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements in this Report, you should refer to the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including the "Risk Factors" sections contained therein. Except as required by law, the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. You should, therefore, not rely on these forward-looking statements as representing the Company's views as of any date subsequent to the date of this Report.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2021
99.2	Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2021
101	The following materials from this Report on Form 6-K are formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss for the Three and Six Months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (Unaudited), (ii) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (Unaudited), (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the Three and Six Months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (Unaudited), (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Six Months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (Unaudited), and (v) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Autolus Therapeutics plc

Date: August 5, 2021

By: /s/ Christian Itin

Name Christian Itin, Ph.D.

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 216,352	\$ 153,299
Restricted cash	210	786
Prepaid expenses and other assets, current	52,944	42,899
Total current assets	<u>269,506</u>	<u>196,984</u>
Non-current assets:		
Property and equipment, net	34,190	38,046
Right of use assets, net	20,598	51,637
Long-term deposits	1,846	2,625
Prepaid expenses and other assets, non-current	2,760	3,033
Deferred tax asset	1,643	1,754
Intangible assets, net	112	158
Total assets	<u>\$ 330,655</u>	<u>\$ 294,237</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	1,119	2,263
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	23,173	27,781
Lease liabilities	3,895	3,590
Total current liabilities	<u>28,187</u>	<u>33,634</u>
Non-current liabilities:		
Lease liabilities	18,786	50,571
Total liabilities	<u>46,973</u>	<u>84,205</u>
Shareholders' equity:		
Ordinary shares, \$0.000042 par value; 200,000,000 shares authorized as of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020; 72,742,582 and 52,346,231, shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	3	3
Deferred shares, £0.00001 par value; 34,425 shares authorized, issued and outstanding at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020	—	—
Deferred B shares, £0.00099 par value; 88,893,548 shares authorized, issued and outstanding at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020	118	118
Deferred C shares, £0.000008 par value; 1 share authorized, issued and outstanding at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	732,290	595,016
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,046)	(5,861)
Accumulated deficit	(445,683)	(379,244)
Total shareholders' equity	<u>283,682</u>	<u>210,032</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 330,655</u>	<u>\$ 294,237</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

AUTOLUS THERAPEUTICS PLC

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Grant income	\$ 138	\$ 293	\$ 407	\$ 631
License revenue	1,507	—	1,507	—
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	(32,131)	(31,328)	(62,862)	(62,615)
General and administrative	(7,237)	(8,509)	(15,975)	(16,123)
Loss on disposal of leasehold improvements	—	—	(672)	—
Total operating expenses, net	(37,723)	(39,544)	(77,595)	(78,107)
Other (expense) income:				
Interest income (expense)	42	(47)	85	463
Other (expense) income	(1,849)	525	(1,011)	5,009
Total other (expense) income, net	(1,807)	478	(926)	5,472
Net loss before income tax	(39,530)	(39,066)	(78,521)	(72,635)
Income tax benefit	6,357	7,021	12,081	10,717
Net loss attributable to ordinary shareholders	(33,173)	(32,045)	(66,440)	(61,918)
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency exchange translation adjustment	1,542	(1,819)	2,815	(19,520)
Total comprehensive loss	(31,631)	(33,864)	(63,625)	(81,438)
Basic and diluted net loss per ordinary share	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.62)	\$ (1.00)	\$ (1.22)
Weighted-average basic and diluted ordinary shares	70,832,077	52,041,340	66,663,003	50,956,566

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	Ordinary Shares		Deferred Shares		Deferred B Shares		Deferred C Shares		Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Accumulated deficit	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Balance at December 31, 2020	52,346,231	\$ 3	34,425	\$ —	88,893,548	\$ 118	1	\$ —	\$ 595,016	\$ (5,861)	\$ (379,244)	\$ 210,032
Issuance of ordinary shares, net of issuance costs	18,147,078	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	122,198	—	—	122,198
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reversal of share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(670)	—	—	(670)
Vesting of restricted stock	21,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Exercise of share options	545	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unrealized gain on foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,273	—	1,273
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(33,266)	(33,266)
Balance at March 31, 2021	70,515,354	\$ 3	34,425	\$ —	88,893,548	\$ 118	1	\$ —	\$ 716,544	\$ (4,588)	\$ (412,510)	\$ 299,567
Issuance of ordinary shares, net of issuance costs	2,069,466	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,340	—	—	14,340
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,280	—	—	1,280
Exercise of share options	157,762	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	126	—	—	126
Unrealized gain on foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,542	—	1,542
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(33,173)	(33,173)
Balance at June 30, 2021	72,742,582	\$ 3	34,425	\$ —	88,893,548	\$ 118	1	\$ —	\$ 732,290	\$ (3,046)	\$ (445,683)	\$ 283,682

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	Ordinary Shares		Deferred Shares		Deferred B Shares		Deferred C Shares		Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Accumulated deficit	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Balance at December 31, 2019	44,983,006	\$ 2	34,425	\$ —	88,893,548	\$ 118	1	\$ —	\$ 500,560	\$ (8,691)	\$ (237,150)	\$ 254,839
Issuance of ordinary shares, net of issuance costs	7,250,000	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	73,952	—	—	73,953
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,235	—	—	6,235
Restricted shares - forfeited	(50)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Exercise of share options	14,976	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	24
Unrealized loss on foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(17,701)	—	(17,701)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(29,873)	(29,873)
Balance at March 31, 2020	52,247,932	\$ 3	34,425	\$ —	88,893,548	\$ 118	1	\$ —	\$ 580,772	\$ (26,392)	\$ (267,023)	\$ 287,478
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,305	—	—	5,305
Restricted shares - forfeited	(1,919)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Exercise of share options	4,391	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	—	—	33
Unrealized loss on foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,819)	—	(1,819)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(32,045)	(32,045)
Balance at June 30, 2020	52,250,404	\$ 3	34,425	\$ —	88,893,548	\$ 118	1	\$ —	586,110	\$ (28,211)	\$ (299,068)	\$ 258,952

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (66,440)	\$ (61,918)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	3,906	2,528
Share-based compensation (net of amount capitalized)	610	11,627
Loss (gain) on termination of operating lease	11	(160)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	672	—
Deferred income tax	115	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Prepaid expenses and other assets, current	(9,534)	(677)
Prepaid expenses and other assets, non-current	256	(2,507)
Long-term deposits	811	(455)
Right of use assets, net	1,954	1,560
Accounts payable	(1,286)	(1,279)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(4,260)	1,209
Lease liabilities	(769)	(894)
Net cash used in operating activities	(73,954)	(50,966)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(3,411)	(5,160)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,411)	(5,160)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds of issuance of ordinary shares, net of issuance costs	136,878	74,013
Net cash provided by financing activities	136,878	74,013
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and restricted cash	2,964	(16,487)
Net increase in cash and restricted cash	62,477	1,400
Cash and restricted cash, beginning of period	154,085	211,430
Cash and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 216,562	\$ 212,830
Supplemental non-cash flow information		
Property and equipment purchases included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,753	\$ 5,050
Right of use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	\$ —	\$ 2,347
Right of use assets terminated and obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities, net	\$ 28,517	\$ 2,487
Capitalized implementation costs included in accrued expenses	\$ 89	\$ 334
Issuance costs included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 228	\$ —
Capitalized share-based compensation	\$ —	\$ (87)
Reconciliation of cash and restricted cash reported within the condensed consolidated balance sheets:		
Cash	\$ 216,352	\$ 212,044
Restricted cash	210	786
Total cash and restricted cash	\$ 216,562	\$ 212,830

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AUTOLUS THERAPEUTICS PLC
Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Note 1. Nature of the Business

Autolus Therapeutics plc (the “Company”) is a biopharmaceutical company developing next-generation programmed T cell therapies for the treatment of cancer. Using its broad suite of proprietary and modular T cell programming technologies, the Company is engineering precisely targeted, controlled and highly active T cell therapies that are designed to better recognize cancer cells, break down their defense mechanisms and attack and kill these cells. The Company believes its programmed T cell therapies have the potential to be best-in-class and offer cancer patients substantial benefits over the existing standard of care, including the potential for cure in some patients.

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales. On June 22, 2018, the Company completed its initial public offering (“IPO”) of American Depositary Shares (“ADSs”). In the IPO, the Company sold an aggregate of 10,147,059 ADSs representing the same number of ordinary shares, including 1,323,529 ADSs pursuant to the underwriters’ option to purchase additional ADSs, at a public offering price of \$17.00 per ADS. Net proceeds were \$156.5 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses paid by the Company.

On April 15, 2019, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 4,830,000 ADSs representing 4,830,000 ordinary shares, at a public offering price of \$24.00 per ADS, which includes an additional 630,000 ADSs issued upon the exercise in full of the underwriters’ option to purchase additional ADSs. Aggregate net proceeds to the Company, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were \$108.8 million.

On January 27, 2020, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 7,250,000 ADSs representing 7,250,000 ordinary shares, at a public offering price of \$11.00 per ADS. Aggregate net proceeds to the Company, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were \$75.0 million.

In January 2021, the Company sold an aggregate of 1,718,506 ADSs under its Open Market Sale Agreement (“Sales Agreement”) with Jefferies LLC as sales agent. Aggregate net proceeds to the Company, after commission fees and offering expenses, were \$15.3 million.

On February 12, 2021, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 14,285,715 ADSs, which includes the full exercise by the underwriters to purchase an additional 2,142,857 ADSs, at a public offering price of \$7.00 per ADS. Aggregate net proceeds to the Company, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were \$106.9 million.

On June 17, 2021 the Company sold an aggregate of 2,069,466 ADSs under its Sales Agreement with Jefferies LLC as sales agent. Aggregate net proceeds to the Company after commission fees and offering expenses, were \$14.3 million.

The Company is subject to risks and uncertainties common to early-stage companies in the biotechnology industry, including, but not limited to, development by competitors of new technological innovations, dependence on key personnel, protection of proprietary technology, compliance with government regulations and the ability to secure additional capital to fund operations. Product candidates currently under development will require significant additional research and development efforts, including preclinical and clinical testing and regulatory approval, prior to commercialization. These efforts require significant amounts of capital, adequate personnel and infrastructure and extensive compliance-reporting capabilities. Even if the Company’s product development efforts are successful, it is uncertain when, if ever, the Company will realize revenue from its product sales.

The Company has funded its operations primarily with proceeds from the sale of its equity securities. The Company has incurred recurring losses since its inception, including net losses of \$33.2 million and \$32.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and \$66.4 million and \$61.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. In addition, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$445.7 million and

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) - Continued

\$379.2 million as of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. The Company expects to continue to generate operating losses for the foreseeable future. The future viability of the Company is dependent on its ability to raise additional capital to finance its operations. The Company's inability to raise additional capital as and when needed could have a negative impact on its financial condition and ability to pursue its business strategies. There can be no assurances, however, that the current operating plan will be achieved or that additional funding will be available on terms acceptable to the Company, or at all. The Company believes the cash on hand at June 30, 2021 of \$216.4 million will be sufficient to fund the Company's operations for at least twelve months from the issuance of these financial statements.

Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

In response to the ongoing coronavirus 2019, or COVID-19, pandemic, the Company established a cross-functional task force and have implemented business continuity plans designed to address and mitigate its impact on the Company's employees and business. While the Company has not experienced any significant financial impact to date, the overall disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on global healthcare systems, and the other risks and uncertainties associated with the pandemic, could cause its business, financial condition, results of operations and growth prospects to be materially adversely affected.

In March 2020, our global workforce transitioned to working remotely with the exception of research and clinical trial related activities that required laboratory-based activity or manufacturing. We implemented protocols and procedures to ensure the safety of our employees working on site, including requirement to wear personal protective equipment, temperature checks at entry and offered COVID-19 testing for any employee with symptoms or at suspected risk of exposure to virus. In June 2020, we began the implementation of our workplace re-entry plan, based on a phased approach that is principles-based and local in design, with a focus on continuity of patient treatment and working to bring its workforce back on-site safely. We have also implemented policies to control and limit office and lab access in line with government guidelines and for contact tracing if needed. The Company will continue to monitor guidance, particularly as restrictions ease, to ensure best practice approaches are adopted in order that the Company minimizes risk to its employees and business.

We continue to track COVID-19 developments in Europe and the United States closely for their potential impact on our clinical trial sites, logistics and supply chain to ensure we can continue to maintain clinical trial conduct and data integrity. As the patients in our clinical trials are severely immune suppressed as a consequence of their underlying disease and the treatment they receive in the trials, we are also monitoring other transmissible infectious diseases, including influenza.

The Company is not aware of any specific event or circumstance that has impacted on its operations in a manner which would require the Company to update its estimates, judgments or revise the carrying value of its assets or liabilities during the six months ended June 30, 2021. However, these estimates may change, as new events occur and additional information is obtained, relating to the COVID-19 pandemic or otherwise. Changes in estimates would be recognized in the consolidated financial statements as soon as they become known.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include those of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Autolus Limited, Autolus Inc. and Autolus GmbH, and have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) - Continued***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant estimates and assumptions reflected in these condensed consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, the accrual for research and development expenses, share-based compensation and income taxes. Estimates are periodically reviewed in light of changes in circumstances, facts and experience. Changes in estimates are recorded in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers cash and cash equivalents in the condensed consolidated financial statements to include cash at banks with a maturity of less than three months, which is subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Restricted Cash

The Company entered into a credit card arrangement that requires a security deposit of \$0.2 million. The restricted cash of \$0.6 million previously held for a letter of credit in connection with a lease was released following the termination of the lease, in April 2021, and the \$0.6 million reclassified to cash and cash equivalents. The Company includes the remaining restricted cash balance of \$0.2 million in cash and cash equivalents when reconciling beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Fair Value Measurements

The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheets for cash and restricted cash, prepaid expenses and other assets, accounts payable and accrued expenses and other liabilities approximate their fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that subject the Company to credit risk consist primarily of cash and restricted cash. The Company places cash and restricted cash in established financial institutions. The Company has no significant off-balance-sheet risk or concentration of credit risk, such as foreign exchange contracts, options contracts, or other foreign hedging arrangements.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated or amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. As of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company's property and equipment consisted of office equipment, lab equipment, furniture and fixtures, and leasehold improvements. The office equipment has an estimated useful life of three years, lab equipment has an estimated useful life of five or ten years, and furniture and fixtures have an estimated useful life of five years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset. Assets under construction primarily consist of costs incurred with leasehold improvements, and, once placed into service, will be depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset. Upon retirement or sale, the cost of assets are disposed of, and the related accumulated depreciation, is removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the statement of operations and other comprehensive loss. Repairs and maintenance expenditures, which are not considered improvements and do not extend the useful life of property and equipment, are expensed as incurred.

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The Company did not recognize a disposal loss in the three months ended June 30, 2021 and recognized a disposal loss of \$0.7 million in the six months ended June 30, 2021 for leasehold improvements which are no longer being utilized in the facility in White City. The Company did not recognize a disposal loss in the three and six months ended June 30, 2020.

The Company evaluates an asset for potential impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability is measured by comparing the book value of the asset to the expected future net undiscounted cash flows that the asset is expected to generate. If such asset is considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the book value of the asset exceeds the fair value. The Company did not recognize an impairment in the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Leases

At the inception of an arrangement, the Company determines whether the arrangement is or contains a lease based on the unique facts and circumstances present. Most leases with a term greater than one year are recognized on the balance sheet as right-of-use assets, lease liabilities and, if applicable, long-term lease liabilities. The Company has elected not to recognize on the balance sheet leases with terms of one year or less. Operating lease liabilities and their corresponding right-of-use assets are recorded based on the present value of lease payments over the expected remaining lease term. However, certain adjustments to the right-of-use asset may be required for items such as incentives received, initial direct costs, or prepayments. The interest rate implicit in lease contracts is typically not readily determinable. As a result, the Company utilizes its incremental borrowing rates, which are the rates incurred to borrow on a collateralized basis over a similar term an amount equal to the lease payments in a similar economic environment.

In accordance with the guidance in ASC 842, components of a lease should be split into three categories: lease components (e.g. land, building, etc.), non-lease components (e.g. common area maintenance, consumables, etc.), and non-components (e.g. property taxes, insurance, etc.). Then the fixed and in-substance fixed contract consideration (including any related to non-components) must be allocated based on the respective relative fair values to the lease components and non-lease components. The Company accounts for the lease and non-lease components of leases for classes of all underlying assets and allocates all of the contract consideration to the lease component.

Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization

The Company's intangible assets are related to acquired software licenses with finite lives and are amortized over their useful lives and reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. If any indicators of impairment are present, the Company tests for recoverability by comparing the carrying amount of the asset to the net undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the asset. If those net undiscounted cash flows do not exceed the carrying amount (i.e., the asset is not recoverable), the Company would perform the next step, which is to determine the fair value of the asset and record an impairment loss, if any. The Company evaluates the useful lives for these intangible assets each reporting period to determine whether events and circumstances warrant a revision in their remaining useful lives. The Company did not recognize an impairment loss in the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Segment Information

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate discrete information is available for evaluation by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and assess performance. The Company and its chief operating decision maker, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, view the Company's operations and manage its business as a single operating segment, which is the business of developing and commercializing gene therapies; however, the Company operates in three geographic regions: the

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) - Continued

United Kingdom, the United States, and Germany. Substantially all of the Company's assets are held in the United Kingdom.

Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred. Research and development expenses consist of costs incurred in performing research and development activities, including salaries, share-based compensation and benefits, depreciation expense, third-party license fees, external costs of outside vendors engaged to conduct clinical development activities, clinical trials, costs to manufacture clinical trial materials and certain tax credits associated with research and development activities. The Company recorded the U.K. research and development expenditure credit ("RDEC") in the amount of \$55,000 and \$39,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$87,000 and \$67,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, as reductions of research and development expenses within the Company's statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

Accrued Research and Development Expenses

As part of the process of preparing its condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to estimate accruals for research and development expenses. This process involves reviewing and identifying services which have been performed by third parties on the Company's behalf and determining the value of these services. In addition, the Company makes estimates of costs incurred to date but not yet invoiced, in relation to external clinical research organizations and clinical site costs. The Company analyzes the progress of clinical trials, including levels of patient enrollment, invoices received and contracted costs, when evaluating the adequacy of the accrued liabilities for research and development. The Company makes judgments and estimates in determining the accrued balance in any accounting period.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company recognizes compensation expense for equity awards based on the grant date fair value of the award. The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense for awards granted to employees that have a graded vesting schedule based on a service condition only on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion of the award as if the award was, in substance, multiple awards (the "graded-vesting attribution method"), based on the estimated grant date fair value for each separately vesting tranche. For equity awards with a graded vesting schedule and a combination of service and performance conditions, the Company recognizes share-based compensation expense using a graded-vesting attribution method over the requisite service period when the achievement of a performance-based milestone is probable, based on the relative satisfaction of the performance condition as of the reporting date.

For share-based awards granted to consultants and non-employees, compensation expense is recognized using the graded-vesting attribution method over the period during which services are rendered by such consultants and non-employees until completed. The measurement date for employee awards is the date of grant, and share-based compensation costs are recognized as expense over the employees' requisite service period, which is the vesting period, on an accelerated basis.

The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur.

The fair value of each share option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. See Note 7 for the Company's assumptions used in connection with option grants made during the periods covered by these condensed consolidated financial statements. Assumptions used in the option pricing model include the following:

Expected volatility. The Company lacks company-specific historical and implied volatility information for our ADSs for expected terms greater than 3 years. Therefore, it uses a combination of the historical volatility of the ADSs and also the expected share volatility based on the historical volatility of publicly

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traded peer companies and expect to continue to do so until such time as the Company has adequate historical data regarding the volatility of its own traded security price.

Expected term. The expected term of the Company's share options has been determined utilizing the "simplified" method for awards that qualify as "plain-vanilla" options.

Risk-free interest rate. The risk-free interest rate is determined by reference to the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant of the award for time periods that are approximately equal to the expected term of the award.

Expected dividend. Expected dividend yield of zero is based on the fact that the Company has never paid cash dividends on ordinary shares and does not expect to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

Fair value of ordinary shares. The fair market value of the Company's ADSs underlying the option is equal to the closing price of the ADSs on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date the grant is approved by the Board.

Foreign Currency Remeasurement and Translation

The Company maintains its condensed consolidated financial statements in its functional currency, which is the pound sterling. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are remeasured into the functional currency at rates of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet dates. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are remeasured into the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Exchange gains or losses arising from foreign currency transactions are included in the determination of net loss for the respective periods. The Company recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$1.9 million and foreign exchange gain of \$0.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The Company recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$3.1 million and foreign exchange gain of \$4.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Foreign exchange gains and losses are included in other income in the statements of operations and comprehensive loss.

For financial reporting purposes, the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been translated into U.S. dollars. Assets and liabilities have been translated at the exchange rates at the balance sheet dates, while revenue and expenses are translated at the average exchange rates over the reporting period and shareholders' equity amounts are translated based on historical exchange rates as of the date of each transaction. Translation adjustments are not included in determining the Company's net loss but are included in foreign exchange adjustment to other comprehensive loss, a component of shareholders' equity.

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Patent Costs

The Company expenses patent prosecution and related legal costs as they are incurred and classifies such costs as general and administrative expenses in the accompanying statements of operations and comprehensive loss. The Company recorded patent expenses of \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Grant Income

The Company has received research grants under which it is reimbursed for specific research and development activities. Payments received are recognized as income in the statements of operations and comprehensive loss over the period in which the Company recognizes the related costs. At the time the Company recognizes grant income, it has complied with the conditions attached to it and the receipt of the reimbursement is reasonably assured. The Company has received grants from the U.K. government, which are repayable under certain circumstances, including breach or noncompliance. For grants with refund provisions, the Company reviews the grant to determine the likelihood of repayment. If the likelihood of repayment of the grant is determined to be remote, then the grant is recognized as grant income. The Company has determined that the likelihood of any repayment events included in its current grants is remote.

License Revenue

The Company accounts for its revenues pursuant to the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (“ASC Topic 606”).

The Company has no products approved for commercial sale and have not generated any revenue from commercial product sales. The total revenue to date has been generated principally from license agreements. The terms of the agreement which was entered into during the three months ended June 30, 2021, included a non-refundable upfront license fee, options for future commercial licenses, payments based upon achievement of clinical development and regulatory objectives, payments based upon achievement of certain levels of product sales, and royalties on product sales. The Company recorded \$1.5 million of license revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021. The Company did not record any license revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2020.

In determining the appropriate amount of revenue to be recognized as the Company fulfills its obligations under its agreements, the Company performs the following steps: (i) identification of the promised goods or services in the contract; (ii) determination of whether the promised goods or services are performance obligations, including whether they are distinct in the context of the contract; (iii) measurement of the transaction price, including the constraint on variable consideration; (iv) allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligations based on estimated selling prices; and (v) recognition of revenue when (or as) the Company satisfies each performance obligation.

License Fees and Multiple Element Arrangements

If a license to the Company’s intellectual property is determined to be distinct from the other performance obligations identified in the arrangement, the Company recognizes revenues from non-refundable, upfront fees allocated to the license at such time as the license is transferred to the licensee and the licensee is able to use, and benefit from, the license. For licenses that are bundled with other promises, the Company utilizes judgment to assess the nature of the combined performance obligations to determine whether the combined performance obligations are satisfied over time or at a point in time and, if over time, the appropriate method of measuring progress for purposes of recognizing revenue from non-refundable, upfront fees. The Company evaluates the measure of progress each reporting period and, if necessary, adjusts the measure of performance and related revenue recognition.

Appropriate methods of measuring progress include output methods and input methods. In determining the appropriate method for measuring progress, the Company considers the nature of service that the Company promises

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to transfer to the customer. When the Company decides on a method of measurement, the Company will apply that single method of measuring progress for each performance obligation satisfied over time and will apply that method consistently to similar performance obligations and in similar circumstances.

Customer Options

If an arrangement is determined to contain customer options that allow the customer to acquire additional goods or services, the goods and services underlying the customer options that are not determined to be material rights are not considered to be performance obligations at the outset of the arrangement, as they are contingent upon option exercise. We evaluate the customer options for material rights, or options to acquire additional goods or services for free or at a discount. If the customer options are determined to represent a material right, the material right is recognized as a separate performance obligation at the outset of the arrangement. We allocate the transaction price to material rights based on the relative standalone selling price, which is determined based on any identified discount and the probability that the customer will exercise the option. Amounts allocated to a material right are not recognized as revenue until, at the earliest, the option is exercised. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 the company did not recognize any revenue related to customer options.

Contingent Research Milestone Payments

ASC Topic 606 constrains the amount of variable consideration included in the transaction price in that either all, or a portion, of an amount of variable consideration should be included in the transaction price. The variable consideration amount should be included only to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. The assessment of whether variable consideration should be constrained is largely a qualitative one that has two elements: the likelihood of a change in estimate, and the magnitude thereof. Variable consideration is not constrained if the potential reversal of cumulative revenue recognized is not significant, for example.

If the consideration in a contract includes a variable amount, the Company will estimate the amount of consideration in exchange for transfer of promised goods or services. The consideration also can vary if the Company's entitlement to the consideration is contingent on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a future event. The Company considers contingent research milestone payments to fall under the scope of variable consideration, which should be estimated for revenue recognition purposes at the inception of the contract and reassessed ongoing at the end of each reporting period.

The Company assesses whether contingent research milestones should be considered variable consideration that should be constrained and thus not part of the transaction price. This includes an assessment of the probability that all or some of the milestone revenue could be reversed when the uncertainty around whether or not the achievement of each milestone is resolved, and the amount of reversal could be significant.

GAAP provides factors to consider when assessing whether variable consideration should be constrained. All of the factors should be considered, and no factor is determinative. The Company considers all relevant factors.

For three and six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company has not recognized any variable consideration with regards to the development milestones, which are included in the license agreement that was executed in the period. This is due to the fact that those development milestones have not yet been met and the recognition of the related revenue is not yet probable.

Royalty Revenue

For arrangements that include sales-based royalties, including milestone payments based on the level of sales, and the license is deemed to be the predominant item to which the royalties relate, the Company recognizes revenue at the later of (i) when the related sales occur, or (ii) when the performance obligation to which some or all of the royalty has been allocated has been satisfied (or partially satisfied).

Income Taxes

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The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method which includes the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. Under this approach, deferred taxes are recorded for the future tax consequences expected to occur when the reported amounts of assets and liabilities are recovered or paid. The provision (benefit) for income taxes represents income taxes paid or payable (or a reduction of such amounts) for the current year plus deferred taxes. Deferred taxes result from differences between the condensed consolidated financial statements and tax bases of the Company's assets and liabilities, and are adjusted for changes in tax rates and tax law when changes are enacted. The effects of future changes in income tax laws or rates are not anticipated.

The Company is subject to income taxes in the United Kingdom and the United States. The calculation of the Company's tax provision involves the application of United Kingdom and United States tax law and requires judgment and estimates.

The Company evaluates the realizability of its deferred tax assets at each reporting date, and establishes a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of its deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income of the same character and in the same jurisdiction. The Company considers all available positive and negative evidence in making this assessment, including, but not limited to, the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies. In circumstances where there is sufficient negative evidence indicating that the Company's deferred tax assets are not more likely than not realizable, the Company establishes a valuation allowance.

The Company uses a two-step approach for recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return by assessing whether they are more likely than not sustainable, based solely on their technical merits, upon examination, and including resolution of any related appeals or litigation process. The second step is to measure the associated tax benefit of each position as the largest amount that the Company believes is more likely than not realizable. Differences between the amount of tax benefits taken or expected to be taken in the Company's income tax returns and the amount of tax benefits recognized in the its condensed consolidated financial statements represent the Company's unrecognized income tax benefits, which it either records as a liability or reduction of deferred tax assets.

Income Tax Credit

The Company benefits from the U.K. research and development tax credit regime under both the small and medium sized enterprise, or SME, scheme and by claiming an RDEC in respect of grant funded projects. Under the SME regime, a portion of the Company's losses can be surrendered for a cash rebate of up to 33.35% of eligible expenditures. SME credits are accounted for within the tax provision in the year in which the expenditures were incurred. RDEC credits are accounted for within other income in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss.

Comprehensive Loss

The Company follows the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") ASC Topic 220, *Comprehensive Income*, which establishes standards for the reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components. Comprehensive loss is defined to include all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. The Company recorded a gain of \$1.5 million and a loss of \$1.8 million related to foreign currency translation adjustments during the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The Company recorded a gain of \$2.8 million and a loss of \$19.5 million related to foreign currency translation adjustments during the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Net Loss Per Share

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Basic and diluted net loss per ordinary share is determined by dividing net loss by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. For all periods presented, outstanding but unvested restricted shares and share options have been excluded from the calculation, because their effects would be anti-dilutive. Therefore, the weighted average shares outstanding used to calculate both basic and diluted loss per share are the same for all periods presented.

The following potentially dilutive securities have been excluded from the calculation of diluted net loss per share due to their anti-dilutive effect:

	As of June 30,	
	2021	2020
Unvested restricted incentive shares and units	1,105,300	663,917
Share options	6,499,436	5,931,211
Total	7,604,736	6,595,128

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

Accounting standards that have been issued by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies that do not require adoption until a future date are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements upon adoption.

Note 3. Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Current

Prepaid expenses and other assets, current consisted of the following (in thousands):

	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Research and development claims receivable	\$ 37,333	\$ 24,711
Prepayments	6,491	10,206
VAT receivable	2,588	3,124
Lease receivables from terminations	1,703	1,237
Other asset	237	—
Lease deposits receivable	648	—
Grant income receivable	140	414
Other receivable	1,811	199
Deferred cost	1,993	3,008
Total prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 52,944	\$ 42,899

The increase in research and development claims receivable is due to an increase in the effective tax rate when compared to the same period last year. More information on the movement in the tax position between periods can be found in Note 9.

The decrease in prepayments of \$3.7 million as at June 30, 2021 when compared to December 31, 2020 is primarily related to decreases in prepayments for clinical trials and lower payments of directors' and officers' liability insurance due to the timing of payments. .

Note 4. Property and Equipment, Net

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Property and equipment, net consisted of the following (in thousands):

	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Lab equipment	\$ 33,239	\$ 23,491
Office equipment	3,224	2,928
Furniture and fixtures	1,355	1,340
Leasehold improvements	12,411	10,629
Assets under construction	2,651	14,321
Less: accumulated depreciation	(18,690)	(14,663)
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 34,190	\$ 38,046

Depreciation expense for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$2.2 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, and for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, was \$4.1 million and \$2.5 million, respectively.

Note 5. Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities

Accrued expenses and other liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Compensation and benefits	\$ 8,833	\$ 8,732
Research and development costs	11,373	15,343
UCLB milestone and option	—	205
Professional fees	2,289	3,005
Other liabilities	678	496
Total accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 23,173	\$ 27,781

The decrease in accruals of \$4.0 million in research and development costs is related to usage of the accruals for raw materials and services for clinical projects combined with a decrease in accruals for purchases of lab equipment related to the scaling of manufacturing.

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Each holder of ordinary shares is entitled to one vote per ordinary share and to receive dividends when and if such dividends are recommended by the board of directors and declared by the shareholders. As of June 30, 2021, the Company has not declared any dividends.

Effective from June 26, 2018, the board of directors has the authority to allot new ordinary shares or to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into ordinary shares in the Company up to a maximum aggregate nominal amount of \$8,400. This authority runs for five years and will expire on June 26, 2023.

Effective from June 26, 2018, the board also has the authority to allot ordinary shares for cash or to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into ordinary shares in the Company without first offering them to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing holdings up to an aggregate maximum nominal amount of \$8,400. This authority runs for five years and will expire on June 26, 2023.

As of June 30, 2021 the Company's issued capital share consisted of 72,742,582 ordinary shares, with a nominal value of \$0.000042 per share, (ii) 34,425 deferred shares, with a nominal value of £0.00001 per share, (iii) 88,893,548 B deferred shares, with a nominal value of £0.00099 per share and (iv) 1 C deferred share, with a nominal value of £0.000008. Each issued share has been fully paid.

Open Market Sale Agreement

On September 18, 2020, the Company entered into an Open Market Sale Agreement ("Sales Agreement") with Jefferies LLC, under which the Company may, at its option, offer and sell ADSs having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100 million from time to time through Jefferies, acting as sales agent. Any such sales made through our sales agent can be made by any method that is deemed an "at-the-market offering" as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act, or in other transactions pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form F-3. The Company agreed to pay Jefferies a commission of 3.0% of the gross proceeds of any sales of ADSs sold pursuant to the Sales Agreement. During three months ended June 30, 2021, the Company issued an aggregate of 2,069,466 ADSs under the Sales Agreement for net proceeds, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses of \$14.3 million. During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company issued an aggregate of 3,787,972 ADSs under the Sales Agreement for net proceeds, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses of \$29.6 million.

Note 7. Share-Based Compensation

Options granted under the Company's 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2018 Plan") and 2017 Stock Option Plan (the "2017 Plan"), as well as restricted shares granted as employee incentives, typically vest over a four-year service period with 25% of the award vesting on the first anniversary of the commencement date and the balance vesting monthly over the remaining three years, unless the award contains specific performance vesting provisions. For equity awards issued that have both a performance vesting condition and a services condition, once the performance criteria is achieved, the awards are then subject to a four-year service vesting with 25% of the award vesting on the first anniversary of the performance condition being achieved and the balance vesting monthly over the remaining three years. Options granted in January 2021 contained performance conditions related to specified clinical milestones. Options granted under the 2018 Plan and 2017 Plan generally expire 10 years from the date of grant. For certain senior members of management and directors, the board of directors has approved an alternative vesting schedule. Restricted stock units awarded in December 2019 vest over a 3-year service period with 50% of the award vesting one and a half years, or 18 months, from commencement date and the remaining 50% of the award vesting at the end of the third year. Restricted stock units awarded in January 2021 contained a performance condition related to specified clinical milestones.

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Share Option Valuation

The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the fair value of the share options granted by the Company during the six months ended June 30, 2021 were as follows:

	June 30, 2021
Expected option life (years)	5.27 to 6.08 years
Risk-free interest rate	0.62% to 1.14%
Expected volatility	80.04% to 81.55%
Expected dividend yield	—%

Share Options

The table below summarizes activity for the six months ended June 30, 2021:

	Number of Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding as of December 31, 2020	5,611,429	\$ 17.19	7.96 years	\$ 4,262
Granted	2,034,750	8.45	—	—
Exercised	(158,307)	0.79	—	—
Canceled or forfeited	(988,438)	16.68	—	—
Outstanding as of June 30, 2021	6,499,434	\$ 14.93	8.20 years	\$ 1,814
Exercisable as of June 30, 2021	2,873,805	17.91	7.40 years	\$ 1,565
Vested and expected to vest as of June 30, 2021	6,499,436	\$ 14.93	8.20 years	\$ 1,814

The aggregate intrinsic value of share options is calculated as the difference between the exercise price of the share options and the fair value of the Company's ADSs for those share options that had exercise prices lower than the fair value of the Company's ADSs.

The weighted average grant-date fair value of share options granted was \$5.83 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2021, of which none were vested at the date of these financials.

As of June 30, 2021, the total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested options was \$7.4 million, which the Company expects to recognize over a weighted average vesting period of 2.4 years.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company granted 1,602,500 options with performance conditions related to specified clinical milestones and 107,500 options with performance conditions were forfeited. As of June 30, 2021, the performance conditions were not determined to be probable and no expense was recorded for the six months ended June 30, 2021.

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Restricted Ordinary Shares

A summary of the changes in the Company's restricted ordinary shares during the six months ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Number of restricted shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Unvested and outstanding at December 31, 2020	90,383	\$ 4
Granted	—	
Vested	(80,233)	4
Canceled or forfeited	—	
Unvested and outstanding at June 30, 2021	10,150	\$ 4

As of June 30, 2021, there was no unrecognized compensation expense.

Restricted Stock Units

A restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive one of the Company's ADSs upon vesting of the RSU. The fair value of each RSU is based on the closing price of the Company's ADSs on the date of grant. The Company historically granted RSUs with service conditions that vest over 3-year service period with 50% of the award vesting one-and-half years from grant date and the remaining 50% of the award vesting at the end of the third year. In January 2021, the Company awarded restricted stock units that contained a performance condition based on a condition related to a specified clinical milestone. In March 2021, the Company awarded restricted stock units with service conditions that vest over a four year period with 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, and the balance vesting quarterly over the remaining three years.

The following is a summary of RSU activity for the 2018 Plan for the six months ended June 30, 2021:

	Number of restricted shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Unvested and outstanding at December 31, 2020	415,000	\$ 12.09
Granted	1,045,650	8.71
Vested	(164,500)	12.09
Canceled or forfeited	(201,000)	10.85
Unvested and outstanding at June 30, 2021	1,095,150	\$ 9.12

As of June 30, 2021, there was \$1.4 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested RSUs, which are expected to be recognized over a weighted average vesting period of 2.4 years.

During the three months ended June 30, 2021, 143,000 RSUs vested, however, the shares were not issued as of June 30, 2021, and as such are not included in the Company's outstanding shares at June 30, 2021.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company awarded 920,000 RSUs with a performance condition related to a specified clinical milestone and 70,000 RSUs with performance conditions were forfeited. As of June 30, 2021, the performance condition was not determined to be probable and accordingly, no expense was recorded for the six months ended June 30, 2021.

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Share-based Compensation Expense

Share-based compensation expense recorded as research and development expenses, general and administrative expenses, and capitalized to property and equipment is as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Research and development	\$ 860	\$ 3,704	\$ (794)	\$ 8,266
General and administrative	420	1,734	1,404	3,361
Capitalized	—	(133)	—	(87)
Total share-based compensation	\$ 1,280	\$ 5,305	\$ 610	\$ 11,540

The decrease in share-based compensation expense of \$10.9 million in the six months ended June 30, 2021 relates to forfeitures of share-based payment awards as a result of the reduction in workforce that took place during the period.

Note 8. License Agreements**UCL Business plc License**

In September 2014, the Company entered into an exclusive license agreement (the “License”) with UCL Business Ltd. (“UCLB”), the technology transfer company of University College London (“UCL”), to obtain licenses to certain technology rights in the field of cancer therapy and diagnosis. In March 2016, the License was amended to include additional rights.

As part of the consideration for the License in September 2014, the Company issued 1,497,643 ordinary shares to UCLB. The Company paid upfront fees of \$0.3 million and issued an additional 313,971 ordinary shares to UCLB when the License was amended in March 2016.

In March 2018, the License was further amended and restated to include a license to the Company's product candidate, AUTO1, for which UCL is conducting Phase 1 clinical trials of AUTO1 in pediatric and adult ALL patients. The Company paid an upfront fee of £1.5 million for consideration for the amended and restated License and paid the additional £0.35 million in connection with UCLB's transfer of clinical data to the Company in December 2020. No equity was issued as part of the upfront fee consideration.

Additionally, the Company may be obligated to make payments to UCLB under the amended and restated License upon the initiation of certain clinical activities in an aggregate amount of £0.18 million, the receipt of specified regulatory approvals in an aggregate amount of £37.5 million, the start of commercialization in an aggregate amount of £18 million, and the achievement of net sales levels in an aggregate amount of £51 million, as well as royalty payments based on possible future sales resulting from the utilization of the licensed technologies. On a per-product basis, these milestone payments range from £1 million to £18.5 million, depending on which T cell programming modules are used in the product achieving the milestone.

Upon commercialization of any of the Company's products that use the in-licensed patent rights, the Company will be obligated to pay UCLB a flat royalty for each licensed product ranging from the low- to mid-single digits, depending on which technologies are deployed in the licensed product, based on worldwide annual net sales of each licensed product, subject to certain reductions, including for the market entry of competing products and for loss of patent coverage of licensed products. The Company may deduct from the royalties payable to UCLB one-half of any payments made to a third party to obtain a license to such third party's intellectual property that is necessary to exploit any licensed products. Once net sales of a licensed product have reached a certain specified

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threshold, the Company may exercise an option to buy out UCLB's rights to the remaining milestone payments, royalty payments, and sublicensing revenue payments for such licensed product, on terms to be negotiated at the time.

The License expires on a product-by-product and country-by-country basis upon the expiration of the royalty term with respect to each product in each country. The Company may unilaterally terminate the license agreement for any reason upon advance notice to UCLB. Either party may terminate the License for the uncured material breach by the other party or for the insolvency of the other party. If UCLB terminates the License following the Company's insolvency or the Company's material breach of the License, or if the Company terminates the License unilaterally, all rights and licenses granted to the Company will terminate, and all patent rights and know-how transferred to the Company pursuant to the License will revert back to UCLB, unless and to the extent the Company has exercised its option to acquire ownership of the licensed patent rights. In addition, UCLB has the right to negotiate with the Company for the grant of an exclusive license to the Company's improvements to the T cell programming modules the Company has licensed on terms to be agreed upon at the time.

Noile-Immune Biotech Inc.

In November 2019, the Company entered into an exclusive license agreement with Noile-Immune Biotech Inc. ("Noile") under which the Company will have the right to develop CAR T cell therapies incorporating Noile's PRIME (proliferation-inducing and migration-enhancing) technology. The PRIME technology is designed to improve proliferation and trafficking into solid tumors of both engineered CAR T cells as well as the patient's own T cells.

The Company paid an upfront fee and may be obligated to make additional payments to Noile upon the achievement of development milestones and receipt of regulatory approvals product sale milestones, as well as royalty payments based on possible future sales resulting from the utilization of the licensed technology.

Note 9. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes is based upon the estimated annual effective tax rates for the year applied to the current period loss before tax plus the tax effect of any significant unusual items, discrete events or changes in tax law. Fluctuations in the distribution of pre-tax income among the Company's operating subsidiaries can lead to fluctuations of the effective tax rate in the condensed consolidated financial statements. In the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the actual effective tax rates were 16.4% and 18.0%, respectively and in the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the actual effective tax rates were 15.4% and 14.8%, respectively. The changes in the effective tax rate for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 as compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2020 were due to fluctuations in the forecast proportion of qualifying research and development expenditure for the year.

The actual effective tax rates are lower than the 19% statutory rate of U.K. tax primarily due to the manner in which the UK research and development credit operates.

The tax benefit for the three months ended June 30, 2021 decreased to \$6.4 million from \$7.0 million for three months ended June 30, 2020 due to a decrease in forecasted qualifying research and development expenditures and the decreased effective tax rate.

The tax benefit for the six months ended June 30, 2021 increased to \$12.1 million from \$10.7 million for six months ended June 30, 2020 due to an increase in pre-tax losses and the increased effective tax rate.

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The Company carries a \$1.6 million deferred tax asset balance related to its U.S. subsidiary. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance against the net deferred tax asset where the recoverability due to future taxable profits is unknown.

Note 10. Commitments and Contingencies***License Agreement***

The Company has entered into an exclusive license agreement with UCLB which has subsequently been amended and restated (see Note 8). In connection with the UCLB license agreement, the Company is required to make annual license payments and may be required to make payments upon the achievement of specified milestones. The Company has estimated the probability of the Company achieving each potential milestone in accordance with ASC 450, *Contingencies*. The Company concluded that, as of June 30, 2021, there were no milestones for which the likelihood of achievement was probable.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company may be a party to litigation or subject to claims incident to the ordinary course of business. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on the Company because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors. The Company was not a party to any litigation and did not have contingency reserves established for any liabilities as of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

Leases

The Company leases certain office space, laboratory space, and equipment. At the inception of an arrangement, the Company determines whether the arrangement is or contains a lease based on the unique facts and circumstances present.

The Company's corporate headquarters are located in London, United Kingdom. The Company leases space at this location from Imperial (Forest House) Limited under a ten-year lease, the term of which commenced in September 2015. The lease included an option for the Company to lease additional space within a 15-month period, which the Company exercised in October 2016. The exercise of the option resulted in a separate new lease agreement with a concurrent term through September 2025. The landlord exercised its option to give notice in September 2020 to terminate the Forest House lease and pay the Company a break-lease payment fee in September 2021. The Company recorded a \$1.3 million gain upon the notice of lease termination in the third quarter of 2020 and has a lease incentive receivable of \$1.7 million as of June 30, 2021.

In September 2018, the Company signed a binding letter of intent to enter into a lease for manufacturing space in Enfield, United Kingdom. The letter of intent required the Company to enter into a 15-year lease provided that the landlord completed the required leasehold improvements described in the agreement. The Company executed lease agreements for three manufacturing space units, each for 15-year lease terms. The leases commenced in February 2019 with option to terminate the lease in February 2029. In March 2021, the Company surrendered one of the units. Upon the surrender, the Company recognized a \$0.1 million gain in other income after recognizing a termination fee of \$0.2 million. The Company has no further obligations for the surrendered unit and the right of use asset and lease liability which were recorded for this unit have been written off in the period. The Company is actively seeking to sub-lease or assign the remaining three lease arrangements to third parties with two units under contract negotiation for sub-leases. The Company completed an asset impairment analysis of the right of use asset concluding the undiscounted cash flows exceeded the carrying value as of June 30, 2021.

In October 2018, the Company executed an agreement to sublease office space in Rockville, Maryland for a term through October 2021. The Company then terminated the sublease in February 2020 and immediately entered into a five-year lease for the same space with the landlord. As a result of the sublease termination, the Company

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recognized a \$0.2 million gain in other income (expense) in the three months ending March 31, 2020. The lease related to this facility is classified as an operating lease. The Company is obligated to pay its proportionate share of building operating expenses and real estate taxes in excess of base year amounts. These costs are considered to be variable lease payments and are not included in the determination of the lease's right-of-use asset or lease liability.

In January 2019, the Company executed a lease agreement to lease additional office and manufacturing space in Rockville, Maryland. The lease agreement required the Company to enter into a lease provided that the landlord completes the required leasehold improvements described in the agreement. The lease commenced in August 2020 for a term through June 2036. In March 2021, the Company announced plans to move the site of its global launch of manufacturing capacity to the United Kingdom from the United States. As a part of this strategy, the Company entered into a termination agreement with the landlord of its Rockville, Maryland property to terminate the lease for office and manufacturing space. As a result, the Company recognized a \$2.0 million termination fee gain from the landlord, a \$2.3 million gain from the removal of the leased right of use asset and corresponding lease liability, and expensed \$2.4 million of leasehold improvements for the six months ended June 30, 2021. The \$2.0 million termination fee was received from the landlord in April 2021.

Note 11. Employee Benefit Plans

In the United Kingdom, the Company makes contributions to private defined benefit pension schemes on behalf of its employees. The Company expensed \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million in contributions for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$0.7 million and \$0.6 million in contributions for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

In the United States, the Company established a defined contribution savings plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code in October 2018. The plan covers substantially all U.S. employees who meet minimum age and service requirements and allows participants to defer a portion of their annual compensation on a pre-tax basis. The Company matches employee contributions up to four percent of the employee's annual salary. The Company expensed \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The Company pays all administrative fees related to the 401(k) plan.

Note 12. Subsequent Events

The Company evaluated subsequent events through August 5, 2021, the date on which these financial statements were issued. The Company has concluded that no subsequent event has occurred that requires disclosure.

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read together with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes to those statements included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 6-K submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, on August 5, 2021. We also recommend that you read our discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations together with our audited financial statements and the notes thereto, which appear in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on March 4, 2021.

We maintain our books and records in pounds sterling, our results are subsequently converted to U.S. dollars and we prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, as issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB. All references in this Report on Form 6-K to “\$” are to U.S. dollars and all references to “£” are to pounds sterling. Our consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 have been translated from pounds sterling into U.S. dollars at the rate of £1.00 to \$1.3972 and £1.00 to \$1.2415 respectively. Our consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 have been translated from pounds sterling into U.S. dollars at the rate of £1.00 to \$1.3879 and £1.00 to \$1.2610 respectively. Our consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 have been translated from pounds sterling into U.S. dollars at the rate of £1.00 to \$1.3835 and £1.00 to \$1.3663, respectively. These translations should not be considered representations that any such amounts have been, could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars at that or any other exchange rate as of that or any other date.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, all references to “Autolus,” the “Company,” “we,” “our,” “us” or similar terms refer to Autolus Therapeutics plc and its consolidated subsidiaries.

The statements in this discussion regarding our expectations regarding our future performance, liquidity and capital resources and other non-historical statements are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risks and uncertainties set forth in the “Risk Factors” section of our Annual Report and any subsequent reports that we file with the SEC.

Overview

We are a biopharmaceutical company developing next-generation programmed T cell therapies for the treatment of cancer. Using our broad suite of proprietary and modular T cell programming technologies, we are engineering precisely targeted, controlled and highly active T cell therapies that are designed to better recognize cancer cells, break down their defense mechanisms and attack and kill these cells. We believe our programmed T cell therapies have the potential to be best-in-class and offer cancer patients substantial benefits over the existing standard of care, including the potential for cure in some patients.

In recent years, we have devoted substantially all of our resources to conducting preclinical studies and clinical trials, raising capital and establishing our intellectual property portfolio. We do not have any products approved for sale and have not generated any revenue from product sales. We have funded our operations to date primarily with proceeds from government grants and sales of our equity securities, including the net proceeds from our initial public offering of American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, in June 2018 as well as from follow-on public offerings of our ADSs. From our inception in 2014 through June 30, 2021, we have received aggregate net proceeds of \$652.6 million from sales of our equity securities. We do not expect to generate significant revenue unless and until we obtain marketing approval for and commercialize one of our product candidates.

Since our inception, we have incurred significant operating losses. For the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, we incurred a net loss of \$66.4 million and \$61.9 million, respectively, and had an accumulated deficit of \$445.7 million as of June 30, 2021.

We expect to continue to incur significant expenses for the foreseeable future as we advance our product candidates through preclinical and clinical development, seek regulatory approval and pursue commercialization of

any approved product candidates. In addition, if we obtain marketing approval for any of our product candidates, we expect to incur significant commercialization expenses related to product manufacturing, marketing, sales and distribution. In addition, we may incur expenses in connection with the in-license or acquisition of additional product candidates. Furthermore, we have incurred and expect to continue to incur, additional costs associated with operating as a public company, including significant legal, accounting, investor relations and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company.

As a result, we will need substantial additional funding to support our continuing operations and pursue our growth strategy. Until such time as we can generate significant revenue from product sales, if ever, we expect to finance our operations through the sale of equity, debt financings or other capital sources, including potential collaborations with other companies or other strategic transactions. We may be unable to raise additional funds or enter into such other agreements or arrangements when needed on favorable terms, or at all. If we fail to raise capital or enter into such agreements as, and when, needed, we may have to significantly delay, scale back or discontinue the development and commercialization of one or more of our drug candidates or delay our pursuit of potential in-licenses or acquisitions.

As of June 30, 2021, we had cash on hand of \$216.4 million. Based on our current clinical development plans, we believe our existing cash and cash equivalents will be able to fund our current and planned operating expenses and capital expenditure requirements through at least the next 12 months. We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could deplete our available capital resources sooner than we expect.

Recent Developments

ATM Facility

On September 18, 2020, we entered into an Open Market Sale Agreement, or the Sales Agreement, with Jefferies LLC, or Jefferies, under which we may, at our option, offer and sell ADSs having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100 million from time to time through Jefferies, acting as sales agent. Any such sales made through our sales agent can be made by any method that is deemed an “at-the-market offering” as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act, or in other transactions pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form F-3. We have agreed to pay Jefferies a commission of 3.0% of the gross proceeds of any sales of ADSs sold pursuant to the Sales Agreement. During the three months ended June 30, 2021, we issued an aggregate of 2,069,466 ADSs under the Sales Agreement for net proceeds, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, of \$14.3 million. During the six months ended June 30, 2021 we issued an aggregate of 3,787,972 ADSs under the Sales Agreement for net proceeds, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, of \$29.6 million

COVID-19 Response

In response to the ongoing coronavirus 2019, or COVID-19, pandemic, we established a cross-functional task force and have implemented business continuity plans designed to address and mitigate its impact on our employees and business. While we have not experienced any significant financial impact to date, the overall disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on global healthcare systems, and the other risks and uncertainties associated with the pandemic, could cause our business, financial condition, results of operations and growth prospects to be materially adversely affected.

In March 2020, our global workforce transitioned to working remotely with the exception of research and clinical trial related activities that required laboratory-based activity or manufacturing. We implemented protocols and procedures to ensure the safety of our employees working on site, including requirement to wear personal protective equipment, temperature checks at entry and offered COVID-19 testing for any employee with symptoms or at suspected risk of exposure to virus. In June 2020, we began the implementation of our workplace re-entry plan, based on a phased approach that is principles-based and local in design, with a focus on continuity of patient treatment and working to bring the workforce back on-site safely. We have also implemented policies to control and limit office and lab access in line with government guidelines and for contact tracing if needed. We will continue to monitor guidance, particularly as restrictions ease, to ensure best practice approaches are adopted in order that we minimize risk to our employees and business.

We continue to track COVID-19 developments in Europe and the United States closely for their potential impact on our clinical trial sites, logistics and supply chain to ensure we can continue to maintain clinical trial conduct and data integrity. As the patients in our clinical trials are severely immune suppressed as a consequence of their underlying disease and the treatment they receive in the trials, we are also monitoring other transmissible infectious diseases, including influenza.

Realignment of Program Prioritization and Corporate Adjustments

In January 2021, we announced the restructuring of our R&D strategy and namely, the prioritization of the AUTO1 program. We intend to seek a partner for the AUTO3 program before progressing AUTO3 into its next phase of development. We also announced an adjustment of our workforce and infrastructure footprint during the first quarter of 2021, which involved an overall reduction in headcount of approximately 20%. This reduction in headcount is now complete.

Re-alignment of Manufacturing Operations

In March 2021, we announced our plans to establish global commercial launch capacity in the United Kingdom as opposed to the United States, enabling us to leverage the expertise and skill base of our U.K.-based employees. Our proposed manufacturing growth in the United Kingdom will be supported by a combination of the extension of our existing clinical trial manufacturing facility at The Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult (CGTC) facility as well as a new Autolus facility. This revised strategy aims to deliver a less capital-intensive commercial manufacturing infrastructure at a lower cost base. In conjunction with this new strategy, we terminated our lease for the manufacturing and office facility in Rockville, Maryland. The mutual termination triggered a cash payment of \$2.0 million to us and ended all of our prior payment obligations under the lease. We disposed of leasehold improvements in connection with the termination of the lease and expensed \$2.4 million in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss for the six months ended June 30, 2021.

Components of Our Results of Operations

Grant Income

Grant income consists of proceeds from government research grants used to perform specific research and development activities. We recognize grant income over the period in which we recognize the related costs covered under the terms and conditions of the grant. We have received grants from the U.K. government, which are repayable under certain circumstances, including breach or noncompliance with the terms of the grant. For grants with refund provisions, we review the grant to determine the likelihood of repayment. If the likelihood of repayment of the grant is determined to be remote, then the grant is recognized as grant income. We have concluded that the likelihood of any repayment events included in our current grants is remote.

License Revenue

We account for our revenue pursuant to the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASC Topic 606").

The Company has no products approved for commercial sale and have not generated any revenue from commercial product sales. The total revenue to date has been generated principally from license agreements. The terms of the agreement which was entered into during the three months ended June 30, 2021, included a non-refundable upfront license fee, options for future commercial licenses, payments based upon achievement of clinical development and regulatory objectives, payments based upon achievement of certain levels of product sales, and royalties on product sales. The Company recorded \$1.5 million of license revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021. The Company did not record any license revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2020.

In determining the appropriate amount of revenue to be recognized as we fulfill our obligations under our agreements, we perform the following steps: (i) identification of the promised goods or services in the contract; (ii) determination of whether the promised goods or services are performance obligations, including whether they are distinct in the context of the contract; (iii) measurement of the transaction price, including the constraint on variable consideration; (iv) allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligations based on estimated selling prices; and (v) recognition of revenue when (or as) we satisfy each performance obligation.

License Fees and Multiple Element Arrangements

If a license to our intellectual property is determined to be distinct from the other performance obligations identified in the arrangement, we recognize revenues from non-refundable, upfront fees allocated to the license at such time as the license is transferred to the licensee and the licensee is able to use, and benefit from, the license. For licenses that are bundled with other promises, we utilize judgment to assess the nature of the combined performance obligations to determine whether the combined performance obligations are satisfied over time or at a point in time and, if over time, the appropriate method of measuring progress for purposes of recognizing revenue from non-refundable, upfront fees. We evaluate the measure of progress each reporting period and, if necessary, adjust the measure of performance and related revenue recognition.

Appropriate methods of measuring progress include output methods and input methods. In determining the appropriate method for measuring progress, we consider the nature of service that we promise to transfer to the customer. When we decide on a method of measurement, we will apply that single method of measuring progress for each performance obligation satisfied over time and will apply that method consistently to similar performance obligations and in similar circumstances.

Customer Options

If an arrangement is determined to contain customer options that allow the customer to acquire additional goods or services, the goods and services underlying the customer options that are not determined to be material rights are not considered to be performance obligations at the outset of the arrangement, as they are contingent upon option exercise. We evaluate the customer options for material rights, or options to acquire additional goods or services for free or at a discount. If the customer options are determined to represent a material right, the material right is recognized as a separate performance obligation at the outset of the arrangement. We allocate the transaction price to material rights based on the relative standalone selling price, which is determined based on any identified discount and the probability that the customer will exercise the option. Amounts allocated to a material right are not recognized as revenue until, at the earliest, the option is exercised. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 the company did not recognize any revenue related to customer options.

Contingent Research Milestone Payments

ASC Topic 606 constrains the amount of variable consideration included in the transaction price in that either all, or a portion, of an amount of variable consideration should be included in the transaction price. The variable consideration amount should be included only to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. The assessment of whether variable consideration should be constrained is largely a qualitative one that has two elements: the likelihood of a change in estimate, and the magnitude thereof. Variable consideration is not constrained if the potential reversal of cumulative revenue recognized is not significant, for example.

If the consideration in a contract includes a variable amount, we will estimate the amount of consideration in exchange for transfer of promised goods or services. The consideration also can vary if our entitlement to the consideration is contingent on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a future event. We consider contingent research milestone payments to fall under the scope of variable consideration, which should be estimated for revenue recognition purposes at the inception of the contract and reassessed ongoing at the end of each reporting period.

We assess whether contingent research milestones should be considered variable consideration that should be constrained and thus not part of the transaction price. This includes an assessment of the probability that all or some of the milestone revenue could be reversed when the uncertainty around whether or not the achievement of each milestone is resolved, and the amount of reversal could be significant.

GAAP provides factors to consider when assessing whether variable consideration should be constrained. All of the factors should be considered, and no factor is determinate. We consider all relevant factors.

Royalty Revenue

For arrangements that include sales-based royalties, including milestone payments based on the level of sales, and the license is deemed to be the predominant item to which the royalties relate, the Company recognizes revenue at the later of (i) when the related sales occur, or (ii) when the performance obligation to which some or all of the royalty has been allocated has been satisfied (or partially satisfied).

Operating Expenses

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consist of costs incurred in connection with the research and development of our product candidates, which are partially offset by U.K. research and development expenditure tax credits provided by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs, or HMRC. We expense research and development costs as incurred. These expenses include:

- expenses incurred under agreements with contract research organizations, or CROs, as well as investigative sites and consultants that conduct our clinical trials, preclinical studies and other scientific development services;
- manufacturing scale-up expenses and the cost of acquiring and manufacturing preclinical and clinical trial materials;
- employee-related expenses, including salaries, related benefits, travel and share-based compensation expense for employees engaged in research and development functions;
- expenses incurred for outsourced professional scientific development services;
- costs for laboratory materials and supplies used to support our research activities;
- allocated facilities costs, depreciation and other expenses, which include rent and utilities; and
- upfront, milestone and management fees for maintaining licenses under our third-party licensing agreements.

We recognize external development costs based on an evaluation of the progress to completion of specific tasks using information provided to us by our service providers.

Our direct research and development expenses are tracked on a program-by-program basis for our product candidates and consist primarily of external costs, such as fees paid to outside consultants and CROs in connection with our preclinical development, manufacturing and clinical development activities. Our direct research and development expenses by program also include fees incurred under license agreements. We do not allocate employee costs or facility expenses, including depreciation or other indirect costs, to specific programs because these costs are deployed across multiple programs and, as such, are not separately classified. We use internal resources primarily to oversee research and development as well as for managing our preclinical development, process development, manufacturing and clinical development activities.

The following tables provide additional detail on our research and development expenses:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2021	2020		Change		
	(in thousands)					
Direct research and development expenses						
B cell malignancies (AUTO1 & AUTO3)	\$	6,292	\$	6,860	\$	(568)
Other projects (AUTO 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8)		1,171		715		456
Total direct research and development expense	\$	7,463	\$	7,575	\$	(112)
Research and discovery expense and unallocated costs:						
Personnel related (including share-based compensation)		12,254		14,378		(2,124)
Indirect research and development expense		12,414		9,375		3,039
Total research and development expenses	\$	32,131	\$	31,328	\$	803

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Change
	2021	2020	
	(in thousands)		
Direct research and development expenses			
B cell malignancies (AUTO1 & AUTO3)	\$ 11,704	\$ 12,446	\$ (742)
Other projects (AUTO 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8)	2,407	1,027	1,380
Total direct research and development expense	\$ 14,111	\$ 13,473	\$ 638
Research and discovery expense and unallocated costs:			
Personnel related (including share-based compensation)	24,802	29,641	(4,839)
Indirect research and development expense	23,949	19,501	4,448
Total research and development expenses	\$ 62,862	\$ 62,615	\$ 247

Research and development activities are central to our business model. Product candidates in later stages of clinical development generally have higher development costs than those in earlier stages of clinical development, primarily due to the increased size and duration of later-stage clinical trials. As a result, we expect that our research and development expenses will increase substantially over the next few years as we increase personnel costs, initiate and conduct additional clinical trials and prepare regulatory filings related to our product candidates. We also expect to incur additional expenses related to milestone, royalty payments and maintenance fees payable to third parties with whom we have entered into license agreements to acquire the rights related to our product candidates.

The successful development and commercialization of our product candidates is highly uncertain. At this time, we cannot reasonably estimate or know the nature, timing and costs of the efforts that will be necessary to complete the clinical development of any of our product candidates or when, if ever, material net cash inflows may commence from sales of any of our product candidates. This uncertainty is due to the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with development and commercialization activities, including the uncertainty of:

- the scope, progress, outcome and costs of our clinical trials and other research and development activities, including establishing an appropriate safety profile with IND enabling studies;

- successful patient enrollment in, and the initiation and completion of, clinical trials;
- the timing, receipt and terms of any marketing approvals from applicable regulatory authorities;
- establishing commercial manufacturing capabilities or making arrangements with third-party manufacturers;
- development and timely delivery of commercial-grade drug formulations that can be used in our clinical trials and for commercial manufacturing;
- obtaining, maintaining, defending and enforcing patent claims and other intellectual property rights;
- significant and changing government regulation;
- launching commercial sales of our product candidates, if and when approved, whether alone or in collaboration with others;
- maintaining a continued acceptable safety profile of the product candidates following approval; and
- significant competition and rapidly changing technologies within the biopharmaceutical industry.

We may never succeed in achieving regulatory approval for any of our product candidates. We may obtain unexpected results from our clinical trials. We may elect to discontinue, delay or modify clinical trials of some product candidates or focus on others. Any changes in the outcome of any of these variables with respect to the development of our product candidates in clinical development could mean a significant change in the costs and timing associated with the development of these product candidates. For example, if a regulatory authority were to delay our planned start of clinical trials or require us to conduct clinical trials or other testing beyond those that we currently expect or if we experience significant delays in enrollment in any of our planned clinical trials, we could be required to expend significant additional financial resources and time on the completion of clinical development of that product candidate. Commercialization of our product candidates will take several years and millions of dollars in development costs.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries, related benefits, travel and share-based compensation expense for personnel in executive, finance, legal and administrative functions. General and administrative expenses also include allocated facility-related costs, patent filing and prosecution costs and professional fees for marketing, insurance, legal, consulting, accounting and audit services.

We anticipate that our general and administrative expenses will increase in the future as we increase our headcount to support the planned development of our product candidates. We anticipate continued increased costs associated with being a public company listed in the United States, including accounting, audit, legal, regulatory and compliance expenses associated with maintaining compliance with Nasdaq listing rules and SEC requirements, director and officer insurance premiums, and higher investor and public relations costs.

Additionally, if we believe a regulatory approval of one of our product candidates appears likely, we would anticipate an increase in payroll and third party expense as a result of our preparation for commercial operations, especially as it relates to the sales and marketing of our product candidate.

Other (Expense) Income

Other income (expense) consists primarily of interest income earned on our cash balances held at commercial banks and foreign currency transaction gains (losses). In the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, other income also included gains recognized on termination of leases, subleases, and a lease incentive.

Income Tax Benefit

We are subject to corporate taxation in the United Kingdom and in the United States. Due to the nature of our business, we have generated losses since inception. Our income tax benefit recognized represents the sum of the research and development tax credits recoverable in the United Kingdom and income tax payable in the United States.

As a company that carries out extensive research and development activities, we benefit from the U.K. research and development tax credit regime under the scheme for small or medium-sized enterprises, or SMEs, and also claim a Research and Development Expenditure Credit, or RDEC, to the extent that our projects are grant funded. Under the SME regime, we are able to surrender some of our trading losses that arise from our qualifying research and development activities for a cash rebate of up to 33.35% of such qualifying research and development expenditure. The net tax benefit of the RDEC reflected in our financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2021 was 10.5%. We meet the conditions of the SME regime, but also can make claims under the RDEC regime to the extent that our projects are grant funded. Qualifying expenditures largely comprise employment costs for research staff, consumables, outsourced CRO costs and utilities costs incurred as part of research projects, and do not equate directly to our reported research and development expenses. Certain subcontracted qualifying research and development expenditures are eligible for a cash rebate of up to 21.67%. A large portion of costs relating to our research and development, clinical trials and manufacturing activities are eligible for inclusion within these tax credit cash rebate claims.

We may not be able to continue to claim research and development tax credits under the SME regime in the future because we may no longer qualify. However, we should continue to be able to make claims under the RDEC regime.

Un-surrendered U.K. losses may be carried forward indefinitely to be offset against future taxable profits, subject to numerous utilization criteria and restrictions. The amount that can be offset each year is limited to £5.0 million plus an incremental 50% of United Kingdom taxable profits. After accounting for tax credits receivable, we had accumulated tax losses for carry forward in the United Kingdom of \$252.8 million as of June 30, 2021. The Company carries a \$1.6 million deferred tax asset balance related to the U.S. entity. We have recorded a valuation allowance against the net deferred tax asset where the recoverability due to future taxable profits is unknown. The change in the UK tax rate to 25% from 1 April 2023, enacted in the quarter, does not impact our results because the UK is in a full valuation allowance position.

In the event we generate revenues in the future, we may benefit from the United Kingdom “patent box” regime that allows profits attributable to revenues from patents or patented products to be taxed at an effective rate of 10%.

Value Added Tax, or VAT, is broadly charged on all taxable supplies of goods and services by VAT-registered businesses. Under current rates, an amount of 20% of the value, as determined for VAT purposes, of the goods or services supplied is added to all sales invoices and is payable to HMRC. Similarly, VAT paid on purchase invoices is generally reclaimable from HMRC.

Results of Operations

Comparison of Three Months Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2021, and 2020 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Change
	2021	2020	
Grant income	\$ 138	\$ 293	\$
License revenue	1,507	—	
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	(32,131)	(31,328)	
General and administrative	(7,237)	(8,509)	
Total operating expenses, net	(37,723)	(39,544)	
Other income (expense):			
Interest income (expense)	42	(47)	
Other (expense) income	(1,849)	525	(
Total other income, net	(1,807)	478	(
Net loss before income tax	(39,530)	(39,066)	
Income tax benefit	6,357	7,021	
Net loss attributable to ordinary shareholders	\$ (33,173)	\$ (32,045)	\$ (

Grant Income

Grant income decreased from \$0.3 million to \$0.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021. The decrease is due to a corresponding decrease in reimbursable expenditures.

License Revenue

The \$1.5 million of license revenue relates to the grant of a license in the three months ended June 30, 2021.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses increased to \$32.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 from \$31.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2020. Cash costs, which exclude depreciation and amortization as well as share-based compensation, increased to \$29.2 million from \$26.5 million. The increase in research and development cash costs of \$2.7 million consisted primarily of (i) an increase in compensation and employment related costs of \$0.7 million due to severance payments related to the reduction in workforce that started in the first quarter, and offset by a reduction in employment costs due to a decrease in headcount, (ii) an increase of \$1.0 million in facilities costs related to the continued scaling of manufacturing operations, (iii) an increase of \$0.9 million related to purchased materials, (iv) an increase of \$0.3 million related to cell logistics, and (v) an increase of \$0.3 million related to IT infrastructure and support for information systems related to the conduct of clinical trials and manufacturing operations. This was offset by a decrease of \$0.4 million in clinical costs and \$0.1 million of legal expenses.

Non-cash costs decreased to \$2.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 from \$4.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2020. The decrease is primarily related to share-based compensation expense included in research and development expenses, which decreased by \$2.8 million as a result of the lower fair value of stock options recognized during the period, combined with forfeitures of incentive share options and unvested RSUs related to employees affected by the reduction in workforce. This was offset by an increase in depreciation of \$0.9 million.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses decreased to \$7.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 from \$8.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2020. Cash costs, which exclude depreciation expense as well as share-based expense compensation decreased to \$6.6 million from \$6.7 million. The decrease in general and administrative cash costs of \$0.1 million related to decreases of (i) \$0.3 million related to the reduction in workforce that began to take place in the first quarter, which reduced the headcount, and (ii) \$0.3 million of expenses related to preparations for becoming a commercial stage company. These decreases were offset by an increase of \$0.5 million in legal fees and directors & officers liability insurance premiums.

Non-cash costs decreased to \$0.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 from \$1.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2020. The decrease is mainly attributed to share-based compensation expense as a result of the lower fair value of stock options recognized during the period, combined with forfeitures of incentive share options and unvested RSUs related to employees affected by the reduction in workforce.

Other (Expense) / Income

Other income/(expense) decreased by \$2.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021, from other income of \$0.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2020 to an other expense of \$1.8 million. The decrease was primarily due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar exchange rate relative to the pound sterling during the three months ended June 30, 2021 as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2020.

Income Tax Benefit

Income tax benefit decreased to \$6.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 from \$7.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2020 due to a decrease in the research and development expenditures which were qualifying for the quarter. As research and development credits fell at a faster rate than our net loss before income tax, this led to a lower effective tax rate. Research and development credits are obtained at a maximum rate of 33.35% of our qualifying research and development expenses, and the increase in the net credit was primarily attributable to an increase in our eligible research and development expenses.

Comparison of Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2021, and 2020 (in thousands):

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Change
	2021	2020	
Grant income	\$ 407	\$ 631	\$
License revenue	1,507	—	
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	(62,862)	(62,615)	
General and administrative	(15,975)	(16,123)	
Loss on disposal of leasehold improvements	(672)	—	
Total operating expenses, net	(77,595)	(78,107)	
Other income (expense):			
Interest income	85	463	
Other (expense) income	(1,011)	5,009	(6)
Total other income, net	(926)	5,472	(6)
Net loss before income tax	(78,521)	(72,635)	(6)
Income tax benefit	12,081	10,717	
Net loss attributable to ordinary shareholders	(66,440)	(61,918)	\$ (4)

Grant Income

Grant income decreased to \$0.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 compared to \$0.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020. The decrease in grant income of \$0.2 million was related to a decrease in reimbursable expenditures.

License Revenue

The \$1.5 million of license revenue relates to the grant of a license in the six months ended June 30, 2021.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses increased to \$62.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$62.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020. Cash costs, which exclude depreciation and amortization as well as share-based compensation, increased to \$59.9 million from \$52.1 million. The increase in research and development cash costs of \$7.8 million consisted primarily of (i) an increase in compensation and employment related costs of \$4.2 million due to a combination of an increase in employee headcount to support the advancement of our product candidates in clinical development and severance payments related to the reduction in workforce that began to take place during the first quarter, (ii) an increase of \$3.2 million in facilities costs related to the continued scaling of manufacturing operations, (iii) an increase of \$0.7 million related to cell logistics, (iv) an increase of 0.4 million in support for information systems related to the conduct of clinical trials and manufacturing operations, and (v) an increase of \$0.3 million in purchased materials. These increases were offset by a decrease in the amount of \$0.8 million in clinical costs and of \$0.2 million in legal fees.

Non-cash costs decreased to \$3.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$10.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020. The decrease is primarily related to share-based compensation expense included in research and development expenses, which decreased by \$9.1 million as a result of lower fair value of stock options recognized in there period, combined with forfeitures of incentive share options and unvested RSUs related to employees affected by the reduction in workforce. This was offset by an increase of \$1.5 million in depreciation.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses decreased to \$16.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$16.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020. Cash costs, which exclude depreciation expense as well as share-based expense compensation increased to \$14.2 million from \$12.5 million. The increase in general and administrative cash costs related to an increase of (i) \$0.4 million in facilities cost, (ii) an increase of \$1.1 million in legal fees and directors & officers liability insurance premiums, (iii) an increase of \$0.1 million of expenses for IT and telecoms.

Non-cash costs decreased to \$1.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$3.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020. The decrease is primarily attributed to both the lower fair value of stock options recognized during the period and the forfeitures of incentive share options and unvested RSUs related to employees affected by the reduction in workforce. This was offset by an increase of \$0.1 million in depreciation.

Loss on Disposal of Leasehold Improvements

Loss on disposal of leasehold improvements of \$0.7 million related to the leasehold improvements no longer being utilized in the facility in White City, London.

Interest Income

Interest income decreased to 0.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 compared to \$0.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020. This decrease is due to the lower interest rates for cash held on deposit.

Other Income /(expense)

Other income/(expense) decreased from an other income of \$5.0 million to an other expense of \$1.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. There was a decrease of \$8.0 million primarily due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar exchange rate relative to the pound sterling during the six months ended June 30, 2021 as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2020, offset by gains on lease terminations of \$2.0 million, net of the related expenses.

Income Tax Benefit

Income tax benefit increased to \$12.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$10.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020 due to increased R&D expenses, which led to a higher effective tax rate. As research and development credits grew at a faster rate than our net loss before income tax, this led to a higher effective tax rate. Research and development credits are obtained at a maximum rate of 33.35% of our qualifying research and development expenses, and the increase in the net credit was primarily attributable to an increase in our eligible research and development expenses.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Since our inception, we have not generated any product revenue and have incurred operating losses and negative cash flows from our operations. We expect to incur significant expenses and operating losses for the foreseeable future as we advance our product candidates through preclinical and clinical development, and seek regulatory approval and pursue commercialization of any approved product candidates. We expect that our research and development and general and administrative costs will increase in connection with our planned research, clinical development and potential commercialization activities. As a result, we will need additional capital to fund our operations until such time as we can generate significant revenue from product sales.

We do not currently have any approved products and have never generated any revenue from product sales. We have funded our operations to date primarily with proceeds from government grants and sales of our equity securities. From our inception in 2014 through June 30, 2021, we have received aggregate net cash proceeds of \$652.6 million from sales of our equity securities. As of June 30, 2021, we had cash of \$216.4 million.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our cash flows for each of the periods presented:

	June 30,	
	2021	2020
	(in thousands)	
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (73,954)	\$ (50,966)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,411)	(5,160)
Net cash provided by financing activities	136,878	74,013
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and restricted cash	2,964	(16,487)
Net increase in cash and restricted cash	\$ 62,477	\$ 1,400

Net Cash Used in Operating Activities

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, operating activities used \$74.0 million of cash, resulting from our net loss of \$66.4 million, and net cash used resulting from changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$12.8 million, partially offset by non-cash charges of \$5.3 million. Net cash used resulting from changes in our operating assets and liabilities for the six months ended June 30, 2021 consisted primarily of a \$9.3 million increase in prepaid expenses and other current and non-current assets, \$1.5 million of which related to license revenue receivable due to the grant of a license in the period, a decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$4.3 million, and a decrease in accounts payable of \$1.3 million. This cash used was offset by a decrease in long term deposits of \$0.8 million, and a \$1.2 million decrease in right of use assets from amortization and lease liabilities, net.

During the six months ended June 30, 2020, operating activities used \$51.0 million of cash, resulting from our net loss of \$61.9 million, and net cash used resulting from changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$3.0 million, partially offset by non-cash charges of \$14.0 million. Net cash used resulting from changes in our operating assets and liabilities for the six months ended June 30, 2020 consisted primarily of a \$3.2 million increase in prepaid expenses and other assets, current and non-current, an increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$1.2 million, a decrease in accounts payable of \$1.3 million, an increase in long-term deposits of \$0.5 million and an increase of \$0.7 million in right of use assets from amortization and lease liabilities, net.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities

During the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, we used \$3.4 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, of cash in investing activities, all of which consisted of purchases of property and equipment.

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, net cash provided by financing activities was \$136.9 million, consisting primarily of the proceeds from sales pursuant to our Sales Agreement, with Jefferies LLC and our February 2021 follow-on offering, net of issuance costs. There was minimal cash provided by employee stock option exercises.

During the six months ended June 30, 2020 net cash provided by financing activities was \$74.0 million, consisting of \$74.0 million net cash proceeds from our January 2020 follow-on offering, net of issuance costs. There was minimal cash provided by employee stock option exercises.

Funding Requirements

We expect our expenses to increase substantially in connection with our ongoing activities, particularly as we advance the preclinical activities and clinical trials of our product candidates. Our expenses will increase as we:

- seek regulatory approvals for any product candidates that successfully complete preclinical and clinical trials;
- establish a sales, marketing and distribution infrastructure in anticipation of commercializing of any product candidates for which we may obtain marketing approval and intend to commercialize on our own or jointly;
- hire additional clinical, medical and development personnel;
- expand our infrastructure and facilities to accommodate our growing employee base; and
- maintain, expand and protect our intellectual property portfolio.

Our primary uses of capital are, and we expect will continue to be, compensation and related expenses, clinical costs, external research and development services, laboratory and related supplies, legal and other regulatory expenses, and administrative and overhead costs. Our future funding requirements will be heavily determined by the resources needed to support development of our product candidates. We currently have no ongoing material financing commitments, such as lines of credit or guarantees, which are expected to affect our liquidity over the next five years, other than our lease obligations and supplier purchase commitments.

Based on our current clinical development plans, we believe our existing cash of \$216.4 million at June 30, 2021 will be sufficient to fund our current and planned operating expenses and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next 12 months. We have based these estimates on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could utilize our available capital resources sooner than we expect. If we receive regulatory approval for our other product candidates, we expect to incur significant commercialization expenses related to product manufacturing, sales, marketing and distribution, depending on where we choose to commercialize. We may also require additional capital to pursue in-licenses or acquisitions of other product candidates.

Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with research, development and commercialization of pharmaceutical product candidates, we are unable to estimate the exact amount of our working capital requirements. Our future funding requirements will depend on and could increase significantly as a result of many factors, including:

- the scope, progress, outcome and costs of our clinical trials and other research and development activities;
- the costs, timing, receipt and terms of any marketing approvals from applicable regulatory authorities;

- the costs of future activities, including product sales, medical affairs, marketing, manufacturing and distribution, for any of our product candidates for which we receive marketing approval;
- the revenue, if any, received from commercial sale of our products, should any of our product candidates receive marketing approval;
- the costs and timing of hiring new employees to support our continued growth;
- the costs of preparing, filing and prosecuting patent applications, maintaining and enforcing our intellectual property rights and defending intellectual property-related claims; and
- the extent to which we in-license or acquire additional product candidates or technologies.

Until such time, if ever, that we can generate product revenue sufficient to achieve profitability, we expect to finance our cash needs through equity offerings. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity, the ownership interest of existing shareholders will be diluted. If we raise additional funds through other third-party funding, collaborations agreements, strategic alliances, licensing arrangements or marketing and distribution arrangements, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our technologies, future revenue streams, research programs or product candidates or grant licenses on terms that may not be favorable to us. If we are unable to raise additional funds through equity financings when needed, we may be required to delay, limit, reduce or terminate our product development or future commercialization efforts or grant rights to develop and market products or product candidates that we would otherwise prefer to develop and market ourselves.

Critical Accounting Policies and Significant Judgments and Estimates

Our condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, costs and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in our condensed consolidated financial statements. We base our estimates on historical experience, known trends and events and various other factors that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. Our actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

While our significant accounting policies are described in more detail in Note 2 to our condensed consolidated financial statements appearing in Exhibit 99.1 of this Report on Form 6-K, we believe that the following accounting policies are those most critical to the judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Share-Based Compensation

We issue ordinary shares as well as options and other securities exercisable for or convertible into ordinary shares or ADSs as incentives to our employees and directors. To the extent such incentives are in the form of share options, the options are granted pursuant to the terms of our 2017 Share Option Plan, or the 2017 Plan, or pursuant to the terms of our 2018 Equity Incentive Plan, or the 2018 Plan. Options granted under the 2017 Plan and 2018 Plan, as well as shares granted as employee incentives, typically vest over a four-year service period with 25% of the award vesting on the first anniversary of the commencement date and the balance vesting monthly over the remaining three years, unless the awards contain specific performance vesting provisions. For equity awards issued that have both a performance vesting condition and a services condition, or performance awards, once the performance criteria is achieved, the performance awards are then subject to a four-year service vesting with 25% of the performance award vesting on the first anniversary of the performance condition being achieved, with the balance vesting monthly over the remaining three years. For certain members of senior management and directors, the board has approved an alternative vesting schedule for the equity awards. The options granted under the 2017 Plan and 2018 Plan generally expire ten years from the date of grant.

We recognize compensation expense for equity awards based on the grant date fair value of the award. For equity awards that vest based on a service condition, the share-based compensation expense is recognized on a

straight-line basis over the requisite service period. For equity awards that contain both performance and service conditions, we recognize share-based compensation expense ratably over the requisite service period when the achievement of a performance-based milestone is probable based on the relative satisfaction of the performance condition as of the reporting date.

Share-based compensation is recognized as an expense in the condensed consolidated financial statements based on the grant date fair value over the requisite service period. For awards granted to our employees and directors that vest based on service conditions, we use the accelerated method to allocate compensation expense to reporting periods. We do not adjust share-based compensation for estimated forfeitures and account for forfeitures when they occur.

We use the fair value of our ordinary shares, determined by reference to the closing price of our ADSs on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date of grant, to determine the fair value of restricted share awards.

We use the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the fair value of share options. This option-pricing model requires the input of various subjective assumptions, including the option's expected life and the price volatility of the security.

The fair value of each share option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and applying assumptions used in connection with option grants made during the periods covered by these condensed consolidated financial statements. Assumptions used in the option pricing model include the following:

Expected volatility. We lack company-specific historical and implied volatility information for our ADSs for expected terms greater than 3 years. Therefore, we use a combination of the historical volatility of our ADSs and also the expected share volatility based on the historical volatility of publicly traded peer companies and expect to continue to do so until such time as we have adequate historical data regarding the volatility of our own traded security price.

Expected term. The expected term of options granted represents the weighted average period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding giving consideration to vesting schedules and our historical exercise patterns. The expected term of our share options has been determined utilizing the "simplified" method for awards that qualify as "plain-vanilla" options.

Risk-free interest rate. The risk-free interest rate is determined by reference to the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant of the award for time periods that are approximately equal to the expected term of the award.

Expected dividend. Expected dividend yield of zero is based on the fact that we have never paid cash dividends on ordinary shares and do not expect to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

Fair value of ordinary shares. The fair market value of our ADSs underlying the option is equal to the closing price of the ADSs on the Nasdaq Global Select market on the date the grant is approved by the Board.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method which includes the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in our financial statements. Under this approach, deferred taxes are recorded for the future tax consequences expected to occur when the reported amounts of assets and liabilities are recovered or paid. The provision for income taxes represents income taxes paid or payable for the current year plus deferred taxes. Deferred taxes result from differences between the financial statements and tax bases of our assets and liabilities, and are adjusted for changes in tax rates and tax laws when changes are enacted. The effects of future changes in income tax laws or rates are not anticipated.

We are subject to corporate income taxes in the United Kingdom and the United States. The calculation of our tax provision involves the application of U.K. tax law and requires judgment and estimates.

We evaluate the realizability of our deferred tax assets at each reporting date, and we establish a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of our deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income of the same character and in the same jurisdiction. We consider all available positive and negative evidence in making this assessment, including, but not limited to, the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies. In circumstances where there is sufficient negative evidence indicating that our deferred tax assets are not more likely than not realizable, we establish a valuation allowance.

We use a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return by assessing whether they are more likely than not sustainable, based solely on their technical merits, upon examination, and including resolution of any related appeals or litigation process. The second step is to measure the associated tax benefit of each position as the largest amount that we believe is more likely than not realizable. Differences between the amount of tax benefits taken or expected to be taken in our income tax returns and the amount of tax benefits recognized in our financial statements represent our unrecognized income tax benefits, which we either record as a liability or as a reduction of deferred tax assets.

Deferred Tax and Current Tax Credits

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognized in the statement of operations, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity. Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. Tax credits are accrued for the year based on calculations that conform to the U.K. research and development tax credit regime, under both the SME and large company regimes. We meet the conditions of the SME regime, but also can make claims under the RDEC regime to the extent that our projects are grant funded.

We may not be able to continue to claim research and development tax credits under the SME regime in the future because we may no longer qualify as a small or medium-sized company. However, we should continue to be able to make claims under the RDEC regime.

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The amount of deferred tax is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. A deferred tax asset is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized. No deferred tax assets are recognized on our losses carried forward and other attributes because there is currently no indication that we will make sufficient profits to utilize these attributes.

Accrued Research and Development Expenses

As part of the process of preparing our condensed consolidated financial statements, we are required to estimate accruals for research and development expenses. This process involves reviewing and identifying services which have been performed by third parties on our behalf and determining the value of these services. In addition, we make estimates of costs incurred to date but not yet invoiced, in relation to external clinical research organizations and clinical site costs. We analyze the progress of clinical trials, including levels of patient enrollment, invoices received and contracted costs, when evaluating the adequacy of the accrued liabilities for research and development. We make judgments and estimates in determining the accrued balance in any accounting period.

JOBS Act

The Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, or the JOBS Act, provides that, among other things, an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. As an emerging growth company, we have irrevocably elected not to take advantage of the extended transition period afforded by the JOBS Act for implementation of new or revised accounting standards and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for non-emerging growth public companies.

We also currently rely on other exemptions and reduced reporting requirements provided by the JOBS Act. Subject to certain conditions set forth in the JOBS Act, we are not required to, among other things, (i) provide an

auditor's attestation report on our system of internal controls over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404(b), (ii) provide all of the compensation disclosure that may be required of non-emerging growth public companies under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, (iii) comply with any requirement that may be adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditor's report providing additional information about the audit and the financial statements (auditor discussion and analysis), or (iv) disclose certain executive compensation-related items such as the correlation between executive compensation and performance and comparisons of the chief executive officer's compensation to median employee compensation.

These exemptions will apply until December 31, 2023 or, if earlier, until we no longer satisfy the conditions for being an emerging growth company.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Adopted

A description of recently issued accounting pronouncements that may potentially impact our financial position and results of operations is disclosed in Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," to our condensed consolidated financial statements included in Exhibit 99.1 of this Report on Form 6-K.